

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the informality of the cross-references to related applications not including the issued U.S. Patent No. Of 6,767,580 B2 for the application serial number 10/603,882 which was pending at the time the present application was filed. This informality has been corrected by amendment to the specification as set forth on page 2 of this response.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 - 20, all of the pending claims, under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of commonly-assigned parent U.S. Patent No. 6,767,580 B2. The Examiner further rejected claims 10 and 17, 11 and 18, 12 and 19, and 13 and 20 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of commonly-assigned parent U.S. Patent No. 6,623,805 B2.

Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer, signed by an attorney of record for each of the above referenced parent U.S. Patents. Payment in the amount of US\$55.00 for each statutory disclaimer is enclosed under Form PTO-2038. 37 CFR §§1.20(d) and 1.321.

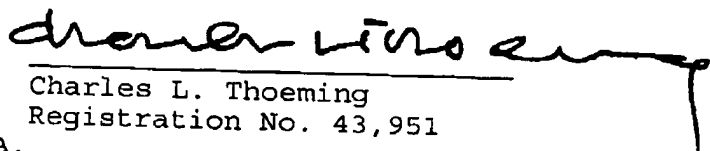
Also enclosed is a power of attorney executed by the assignee of record of the entire interest of this application and the commonly-assigned parent patents.

With the filing of these Terminal Disclaimers and this response, the application and all claims should be in condition for allowance. Notification of the allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

For all the reasons advanced above, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

Dated: November 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

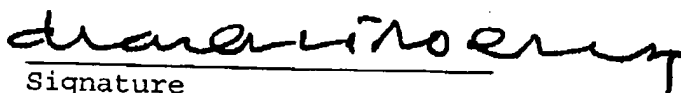

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